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Re: Your letter re Superior Barrel and Drum

Dear Ms. DiForte:

I have just received your letter. Unfortunately I have not been in my office since August 28th. My wife was diagnosed with blocked arteries and underwent coronary bypass surgery in early September and I have been in a caretaker role since.

I understand and respect the importance of the requests contained in your letter and am anxious to comply.


May I request an extension to allow me to address the questions as well as possible. We are a small company, total head count about 12, and I handle all matters relating to compliance and government agency contact. My staff held the letter for me not realizing how long I would be absent.

I have instructed them to gather together all information relating to our contact with Superior and will bring that information to me. I will then answer your questions.

I called Ms. Hriczko but only reached her answering machine. I left an abbreviated request for an extension and my phone number but have not yet heard from her.

I hope that you can reply with an extension sufficient to the need.

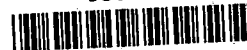
With my best regards,


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